

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A sheet-supply device includes a pair of stopper members provided to a bottom plate of a hopper portion so as to move between a protruding position where upper surfaces of the stopper members protrude from a surface of the bottom plate and a retracted position where upper surfaces of the stopper members retract from the surface of the bottom plate, and a position change mechanism moving the stopper members between the protruding and retracted positions. By changing a timing of ascending the stopper members to the protruding position according to a type of the sheets to be fed, an appropriate resistance is applied to all of the sheets in the hopper portion except a topmost sheet during a sheet feed operation, thereby preventing a multi-feed problem. The stopper members moves up and down several times via the position change mechanism at a time between after the sheet feed operation is completed and before a next sheet feed operation starts, thereby positioning the sheets, which may cause the multi-feed problem, at a predetermined sheet holding position.